

Spokane Falls Boulevard Rebuild Planning Study



10/15/2025 - Transportation Commission











What is this project?



This is a **planning study** to select a street reconstruction configuration for Spokane Falls Blvd.

Impacted area is in downtown core between Lincoln St. and Division St.

Project is driven by **urgent need to replace** aging street and utility systems.













Project Area









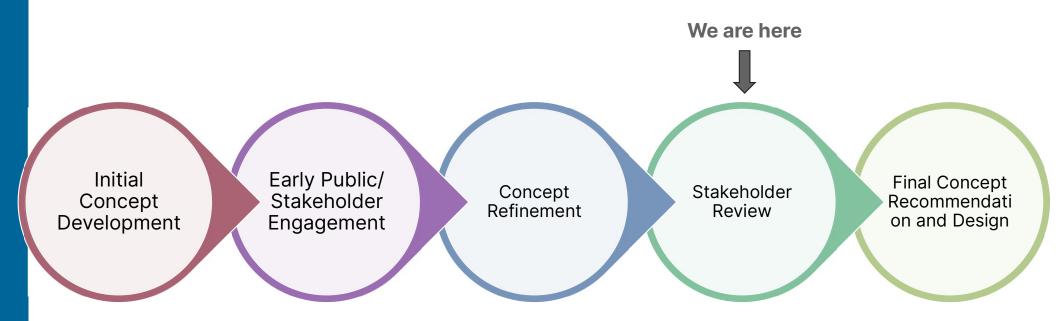






Planning Process Overview









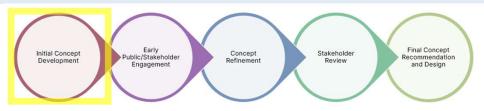






Initial Concept Development





- Traffic Modeling
- Initial brainstorming by ICM
- Interdepartmental coordination and feedback
 - Streets
 - Planning
 - Parks and Rec
 - Water
 - Wastewater Management (Sewer and Stormwater)
 - IT
 - Parking Enforcement
 - Fire





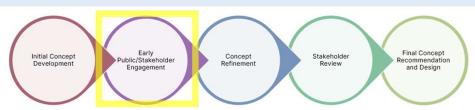






Early Public/Stakeholder Engagement





•Stakeholder Open House – Summer 2024

•Attendees provided with link to request one-on-one audience with the City's project team*

General Public Online Survey –open August/September 2024>1200 responses

Meetings with:

- Spokane Public Facilities District (x2)
- Downtown Spokane Partnership
- WSDOT
- Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC)
- Spokane Transit Authority (STA)
- Davenport Grand Hotel
- Centennial Properties (Riverpark Square) *
- Bennett Block *
- US Foods/Sysco









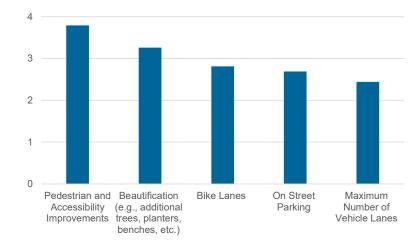


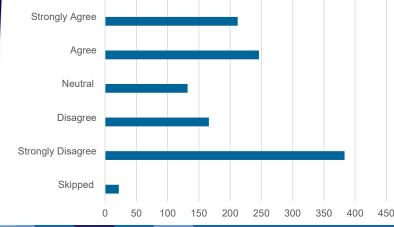
Early Engagement: What We Heard

- Strong support for pedestrian and cycling infrastructure
- Desire for beautification and Placemaking
- Safety and accessibility are top priorities
- Parking and vehicle flow still matter
- Homelessness and social concerns noted
- Creativity and community vibrancy encourages

Question:

"Please prioritize the following surface improvements from most (1) to least (5) important."





Question:

"...do you support reconfiguring Spokane Falls Blvd from a one-way to two-way roadway from Washington to Division St?"





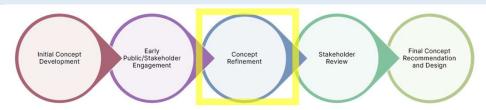






Concept Refinement





- Project to include several foundational elements:
 - Safer crosswalks and traffic calming features, such as curb bumpouts
 - A protected bike lane
 - A continued separated, shared-use path along Riverfront Park
 - Upgraded lighting and signals
 - Utility improvements (Water, Sewer, Storm)













Decision A – How Many Travel Lanes?



- Impacts Post St. to Washington St.
- 4 Concepts:
 - 3 Travel Lanes
 - 2 Travel Lanes Parking Priority
 - 2 Travel Lanes Ped/Bike Priority
 - 1 Travel Lane

















Decision B – One-way or Two-way?

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- Impacts
 Washington St. to
 Division St.
- 3 Concepts:
 - Keep One-way
 - Limited Two-way (Bernard to Browne only)
 - Full Two-way
 Conversion



Limited Two-way (Bernard to Browne only)



Full Two-way Conversion







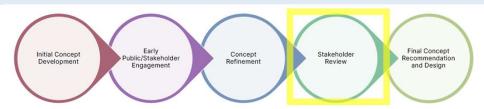






Stakeholder Review





Activity	Targeted Audience
#1 - Internal Technical Working Session	ICM, Parks and Rec, Water Dept., WWM, Streets, IT, Parking Enforcement, Fire Dept.
#2 – Legislative Check-ins	PIES Subcommittee Bicycle Advisory Board Transportation Commission
#3 – Businesses, Property Owners, and Economic Development Workshop	DSP, PFD, Freight, Event Coordinators (Hoopfest, Bloomsday), Impacted Property Owners, Campuses
#4 - Elected and Directors Workshop	COS Elected Officials (Mayor/Council), Public Works Director, Transportation Commission Representative, STA, SRTC, WSDOT
#5 – Public Open House	Will leverage Riverside Neighborhood Council, Libraries, etc. for information roll-out





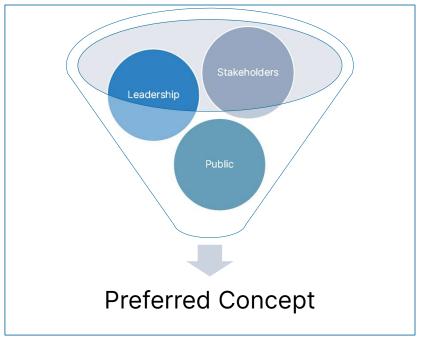




Final Concept Recommendation and Design







- Design to begin in 2026
- Target 2028
 Construction











Questions?



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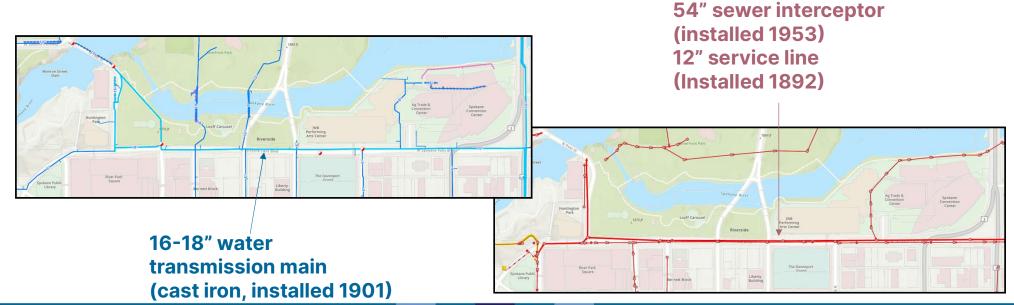




Utility Improvements



- Water transmission main replacement
- Sewer interceptor rehabilitation
- Stormwater improvements











Riverfront Park Frontage Improvements

Spokane Falls Blvd. **rebuild will incorporate Riverfront Park frontage** improvements (separated shared use path) for block between Washington St. and Stevens St.

Coordinated with Riverfront Park Master Plan (2014) and Parks Master Plan (2022)











